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SUBJECT: MAY DAY TRAVELS OF INDONESIAN LABOR LEADERS

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1. INDONESIAN LABOR LEADERS THIS YEAR WILL ATTEND THE MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS NOT ONLY IN MOSCOW, BUT ALSO IN PRAGUE AND SOFIA.

2. IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MOSCOW CELEBRATIONS WILL BE DRS. RADJUDDIN JUSUF, A DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FBSI (ALL INDONESIA LABOR FEDERATION), DAUD BADARUDDIN, FBSI CENTRAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER, AND MOHAMMED SALEH, WHO WILL FUNCTION AS DELEGATION SECRETARY.

3. IN ATTENDANCE AT THE PRAGUE CEREMOIES WILL BE D.M. SIHITE, ALSO A DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FBSI AND ATTENDING THE SOFIA CEREMONIES WILL BE THAHERANSJAH KARIM, STILL ANOTHER DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FBSI.

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4. JUDGING FROM A RECENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE POLISH

AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA AND FBSI GENERAL CHAIRMAN AGUS SUDONO, WARSAW MAY BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF THE MAY DAY TRAVEL DESTINATIONS FOR INDONESIAN LABOR LEADERS.

5. COMMENT: BY NOW ATTENDANCE AT THE MOSCOW MAY DAY CEREMONIES IS OLD HAT FOR INDONESIAN LABOR LEADERS. BAKIN (STATE INTELLIGENCE BOARD) STIPULATED ONLY THAT THOSE ATTENDING SHOULD BE RELIABLE PERSONS IN WHOM SUDONO HAS CONFIDENCE AND THAT AS USUAL THEY SHOULD NOT SAY ANYTHING, OTHER THAN THE WEAKEST OF PLATITUDES, AND THAT THEY SHOULD NOT SIGN ANYTHING. THE EXTENSION OF THE VISITS TO SOFIA AND PRAGUE IS IN LINE WITH CURRENT ATTEMPTS BY INDONESIAN FOREIGN POLICY MAKERS TO IMPROVE AND EXTEND THEIR CONTACTS WITH WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES. IN THE CASE OF THE DELEGATION TO MOSCOW, A BAKIN MAN IS ALWAYS INCLUDED- IN THIS CASE IT IS SALEH. A MINOR CURIOSITY ABOUT THE PRESENT VISITS IS THAT RADJUDDIN JUSUF, SIHITE AND KARIM MAY BE ON THE VERGE, UNKNOWN TO THEM, OF GETTING POLITELY KICKED OUT OF THEIR JOBS ON THE FBSI CENTRAL EXECUTIVE BOARD BECAUSE OF GENERAL INCOMPETENCE AND INERTIA. THE PRESENT TRIPS MAY BE A WAY OF GIVING THEM AN UNDERSERVED FACE SAVING PAT ON THE B X. TAKEN AS A WHOLE THESE INDONESIAN LABOR LEADERS COULD HARDLY BE DESCRIBED AS BEING A THIRD STRING TEAM LET ALONE A SECOND STRING. HOWEVER, THEY MAY PROVIDED JUST THE RIGHT SORT OF QUALITY FOR THE MEASURE OF GOODWILL INHERENT IN THE GESTURE.

END COMMENT.

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